

# WORKS LIFE

## V FOR VANQUISH

In keeping with the format of the highly successful DB4 and DB7 Celebration Days held over the past year at Aston Martin Works Service, a similarly high-octane event, a 'Vanquish Celebration Day' will be taking place on 3 October at the Newport Pagnell headquarters. Arrival will be from 9.30am onwards, with a presentation on the development of this remarkable car taking place between 12.30pm and 1.30pm. This will be followed by a buffet lunch.

Owners and enthusiasts of Aston Martin's one-time top-of-the-range model – a true 200mph supercar – will appreciate and relish this rare opportunity to learn more about the car's development and meet those personally instrumental to the Vanquish's design.

Please note that, as with previous events, high acceptance is expected, therefore numbers will be limited. Priority will be given to current Works Service Vanquish owners and members of the Aston Martin Owners Club who are Vanquish owners.

To learn more about the event and to take part, current Works Service customers should contact Ali Young at Works Service on +44 (0)1908 619264 or email [awinship@astonmartin.com](mailto:awinship@astonmartin.com). AMOC members please contact Audrey Carter in External Relations on +44 (0)1865 400400 ext. 21



## RETRO RUNNERS

Once again on Saturday 25 July the team at Aston Martin Works Service was delighted to be one of the main start points for the Silverstone Classic Retro Run, taking the opportunity to throw open the doors for a full viewing.

With over 70 classic cars arriving and leaving between 7.00am and 10.00am and 150 drivers and guests, the event once again proved to be as popular as ever. Refreshments were made available throughout the bright and sunny morning and many visitors were enthused at seeing the expanded Heritage Workshop, prior to setting off for the Silverstone Classic at Britain's GP circuit in Northamptonshire – an annual weekend of classic car displays and racing, which this year attracted a record attendance of 65,500 – a 15% increase on 2008.

The final car to leave the Works Service checkpoint was the Company-owned DB6, which was driven by John Janes, our Workshop Manager, accompanied by his friend Ian Peacock who navigated.

We look forward to welcoming back the Silverstone Classic Retro Run again next year, provisionally dated Saturday 24 July 2010.



## A SUMMER TO REMEMBER

The summer has been a busy one for the Aston Martin Owners Club (AMOC). Following on from the successful spring concours at Rousham House, Oxford in May, the St John Horsfall Race meeting at Silverstone and the incredibly well supported marque efforts at Le Mans 24-Hours, AMOC has held well attended events in all of AMOC's Sections and Areas. This in spite of the recession and all that that means, once again demonstrating how AMOC Members will come out for anything they think relevant and enjoyable.

In particular the Club race meetings, which have continued to attract Members who want to compete, and the social events, which have moved into a higher dimension than can be remembered. Most recently, on 6 September, 50 entrants displayed their Aston Martins at the Autumn Concours d'Etat, held in the grounds of Mapledurham House, Caversham, enjoying another year's wonderfully dry and sunny garden party picnic.

Mapledurham House is a beautiful Elizabethan Manor set beside the River Thames, still the home of descendants of the original family with a working mill and beautiful grounds. AMOC was given the front lawn to display the cars, supported by many family Members and their Aston Martins (over 200 were counted in the car park, for everyone to admire and for our overseas visitors to inspect!). Joining the Members' display on the lawn were two spectacular additions from the Factory – the new One-77 supercar and the V12 Vantage – and many thanks are due to Aston Martin as well as Aston Martin Works Service. The concours was supported by the Club's sponsors Lockton, Taittinger and Autoglym, and local Aston Martin dealer Lancaster of Reading, demonstrating once again how well the Club and Company co-operate to the greater good of the Aston Martin marque. Not bad for a quiet Sunday in September.

Next year is AMOC's 75th Anniversary and we hope to arrange a number of truly special events throughout the globe. So if you are not a Member of the Club by now, we suggest you sign up now – you don't even need to own an Aston Martin to join. And if you are purchasing an Aston Martin, simply ask at your dealer.

To find out how to join AMOC, call Membership Secretary Carol Bradley on +44 (0)1865 400400, email [hqstaff@amoc.org](mailto:hqstaff@amoc.org) or visit [www.amoc.org](http://www.amoc.org) to download an application form



## DB'S GOLDEN ERA

Almost every year since Dudley Coram, driving force behind AMOC's modern era died in 1976, a lecture has been held in his honour. The brainchild of long-serving AMOC Member and Founding Trustee of the Aston Martin Heritage Trust, Brian Joscelyne, it is remarkable that it has taken 33 years for Brian himself to host a Dudley Coram Memorial Lecture, especially given his remarkable experience, and enthusiasm for racing Aston Martins (his past ownership extends to a 1938 Open 2.0-Litre, a 1953 ex-Team DB3 and the chassis '101' 1956 DB3S). But the balance is set to be redressed on 10 October, when Brian will deliver a fascinating talk on the David Brown racing years of 1948 to 1959, coinciding with the 50th anniversary of the legendary DBR1's Nürburgring 1,000km and Le Mans 24-Hours victories and World Sportscar Championship. It was 1948 when 'DB', new joint owner of Aston Martin and Lagonda was persuaded to build a one-off competition car especially for the Spa 24-Hours – the very first Aston Martin racer, and resounding victor on its debut. By 1950, with DB2 coming off the line ripe for race modification, John Wyer was recruited as Team Manager – a one-year tenure that became thirteen, so successful was his leadership. Brian's talk will reveal how remarkable DB and John Wyer's achievements were, despite their limited resources.



For further information on the Aston Martin Heritage Trust, call +44 (0)1865 400414 or visit [www.amheritrust.org](http://www.amheritrust.org)